

# Iowa Society of American Foresters

And

## Iowa Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar



*“Connecting People  
with  
Soil, Water & Trees”*

September 25-26, 2003  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Conference Sponsors Include:**

*Conservation Districts of Iowa  
Iowa Chapter of Soil & Water Conservation Society  
Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship-Division of Soil Conservation  
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## **Thursday, September 25, Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area (WHOLA)**

### **10 a.m. to Noon**

Room A      ISAF Annual Business Meeting  
Room B      SWCS Annual Business Meeting

### **Noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch , ISAF & SWCS Awards**

Welcome by Linn County Conservation Board, Jim Gillespie, President ISWCD and Jeremy Cochran, President ISAF and other dignitaries.

### **1:30 p.m.      General Session, Jeff Bercuvitz, President of Community Innovations**

#### ***“How to Make A Serious Difference Without Taking Yourself Too Seriously”***

Bercuvitz is one of North America's foremost experts on leadership development, partnership-building and creative strategies to succeed in community outreach initiatives, will tell inspiring and instructive success stories from his work throughout the United States and in numerous countries around the world. He will share practical “hot tips” participants will be able to use the day they get home to boost enthusiasm and involvement in effective, low-cost, community-building activities and to make their efforts more personally rewarding and sustainable. This high-energy, interactive session will provide specific tools and ideas to help participants learn:

- \* The six steps to creating numerous tangible results in a short time period, with little or no money;
- \* How to inspire people to move beyond talking & work as a team to engage in mutually beneficial projects;
- \* How to energize and motivate people to get involved and stay involved;
- \* How to motivate new leadership to self-select;
- \* How to identify and gain access to a fuller range of community assets;
- \* How to overcome apathy and prevent burnout;
- \* How to build partnerships and draw on the gifts that everyone in the community has;
- \* How to generate the momentum and credibility necessary for tackling larger challenges.

### **4:30 p.m.      Choose from one of three offered walking tours:**

- Visit the mitigated wetland on site, led by Randy Burke, Linn County Conservation
- Learn about WHOLA's ancient history, led by Leah Rogers, archeologists who has
- investigated this site
- Enjoy the forest/savannah being restored at WHOLA, led by John Byrd, private forestry consultant

After the walking tours, you are welcome to check in to your hotel, or make the journey over to Squaw Creek Park, where Jim Gillespie and Jim Frederick will have been slaving away over a hot fire to prepare your evening meal. Relax with a game of horseshoes or perhaps volleyball while waiting for dinner to be served at around 7:00. Beverages will be available; if you have specific needs, feel free to bring your own cooler and mugs.

Squaw Creek Park is located southeast of Marion, adjacent to Highway 100. From Highway 100 (also known as Collins Road) turn south on Banner Drive, close to the intersection of Highways 100 and 13. The park entrance is on the right. Road signs off of both highway 100 and highway 13 clearly mark the route.

***\*\*Red Cedar Lodge, in Squaw Creek Park will be the location of the Thursday evening festivities as well as the Friday morning concurrent session.***



# Registration

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First Name  
(As you want printed on name tag)

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Last Name

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Affiliation

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Address

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Members          \$ 80.00    X    \_\_\_\_\_    =    \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest    \$ 25.00    X    \_\_\_\_\_    =    \_\_\_\_\_

Non-members    \$100.00    X    \_\_\_\_\_    =    \_\_\_\_\_

Students          \$ 25.00    X    \_\_\_\_\_    =    \_\_\_\_\_

Total

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\_\_\_\_ *Speaker, please register, no registration fee is required.*

\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed

\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Registration Form by September 12 to:**

Conservation Districts of Iowa  
Attn: ISWCS & ISAF Conference  
PO Box 801  
Chariton, Iowa 50049



Live Auction will occur directly following dinner. Please bring an auction item! All proceeds will benefit both ISAF & ISWCS!



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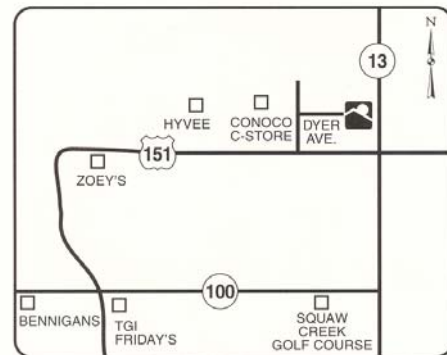
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## Directions

Corner of Highways 13 and 151



A block of rooms has been held until **September 2, 2003**, at the Microtel, close to Squaw Creek Park. Single rooms are \$32.00, Doubles are \$40.00, and one suite is available for \$45.00. Please call 1-888-379-7400 and ask for Conservation Districts.

Additional rooms are available at the Collins Plaza. Single rooms will be \$60 and double \$70; please call 1-800-541-1067 and ask for the Soil & Water Conservation Society rate (if you have any difficulty, ask for Mary Pat).

Squaw Creek Park has two campground loops. The modern campground (B-Loop) has 47 electrical campsites. Each site has its own gravel pad, water hookups, 50 amp electrical service, a fire ring, and a picnic table. Flush restrooms are located in the campground, and a sanitary dumping station is located nearby. A small playground is located in the center of the campground - with horseshoe courts situated between Loops A & B.

The non-modern campground (A-Loop) has 15 grass-covered sites. There is no electricity, and water is available from two spigots in the campground. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring.

All sites are available first-come first-serve only. Campers select a site, set up their camping unit and then follow instructions for registering at the self-registration booth. The camping fee is paid at the self-registration area. A City of Cedar Rapids golf course (Donald Gardner course) is located approximately 1/4 mile from the campground. Campgrounds are usually open from April 15th to October 15th - weather and ground conditions permitting. Loop B is \$14 per night, loop A is \$9.00.

## **Friday, September 26 Squaw Creek Park**

7:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Nature Walk (optional)—enjoy the trails and get a general healthy start to the day

### **Concurrent Sessions**

**8:00 – 8:40 a.m.**

Room A Forest Health, John Walkowiak, IDNR & Dennis Michael IDNR

This session will provide information to assist resource managers identify and understand the threat of invasive species in Iowa and provide information on management practices for their control. In addition, they will provide information on requirements that the solid wood packaging industry is facing to reduce the risk of spreading pests in international trade.

Room B Soils and the Urban Forest, Gary Johnson, U of Minnesota

Research shows that there is an important connection between soils and trees, which for too long it's been overlooked. Learn the impacts of soil health on trees and measures you can take to ensure a strong forest, urban or rural.

**8:45 – 9:30**

Room A Forest Health *Continued*

Room B Job Opportunities, Sue Cross, NRCS and others to be announced

Students will be especially interested in this session to be led by professionals who work in the conservation field. Learn good ways to begin a career with natural resources.

**9:30** Networking

**10:00 – 10:40**

Room A Habitat Requirements of Iowa's Native Wildlife, Dave DeGuess, TNC  
Iowa has over 1,958 species of plants, 397 species of resident and migrant birds, 148 species of fish, etc. Come explore a few simple techniques for maintaining or creating habitat for several representative species.

Room B Agro Forestry, Rich Straight, USDA Forest Service-NAC, Nebraska

This presentation introduces each of the 5 main agroforestry practices and how communities can use agroforestry technology to address stormwater and waste water quality issues.

**10:45 – 11:30**

Room A Geospatial Technologies, Greg Haddish, USDA-NRCS

NRCS has begun implementing various geospatial technologies for use by its field conservationists, including GPS, mobile computers, and GIS. This session will demonstrate the use of these field data collection technologies and sample GIS applications.

Room B Direct Seeding, Gary Beyer, IDNR

In his 10 county district in northeast Iowa Gary has been assisting landowners with direct seeding of trees for several years. Come learn the methods for good success.

**Noon** *Wrap-up, Clean-up, Go-home*



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## Directions to Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Area

